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SUBJ: SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS THIRD ROUND-MADRID

1. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THUS FAR RESULTED FROM TWO PRIVATE MEETINGS BETWEEN AMB. MC CLOSKEY AND GOS NEGOTIATOR ROVIRA ON FEB 7 & 8, AND TWO INFORMAL SESSIONS BETWEEN GENERALS GUTIERREZ MELLADO AND DOLZ, AND ADMIRAL HANNIFIN AND GENERAL ROBERTSON.

2. IN MC CLOSKEY-ROVIRA MEETINGS TWO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS WERE ACHEIVED: (A) RIVIRA APPEARED TO ACCEPT CONCLUSION THAT US SECURITY GUARANTEE WAS NOT IN THE CARDS; AND (B) ROVIRA EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BROADEN DISCUSSION BEYOND THE FIRST TWO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH ROVIRA MC CLOSKEY DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS THE TYPE OF COMBINED PLANNING MECHANISM WE ARE WILLING TO EXPLORE WITH THE SPANISH.
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HE INDICATED THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO GO BEYOND

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS OF PLANNING UNTIL WE RECEIVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING FROM SPANISH SIDE OF ITS ATTITUDE ON FACILITIES AND ATTENDANT ISSUES. HE ADDED THAT GOS VIEWS ON THE FACILITIES WERE ALSO NECESSARY BEFORE HE COULD SEEK THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROVAL REQUIRED TO GO FORWARD WITH COMBINED PLANNING.

4. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AMONG MILITARY MEMBERS, PLANNING CONCEPT WAS ALSO BROACHED. SPANISH SIDE SHOWED INTEREST IN PURSUING DISCUSSION FURTHER BUT OFFERED LITTLE INSIGHT ON FACILITIES ISSUE.

5. FIRST PLENARY SESSION MORNING FEB 10 HELD WITHOUT AMB MC CLOSKEY, WHO RETURNED TO THE STATES BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER. BULK OF TIME TAKEN UP BY ADM. HANNIFIN BRIEFING ON STRATEGIC ISSUES, ESPECIALLY AS THEY RELATED TO USE OF US FACILITIES IN SPAIN. SPANISH DEFERRED QUESTIONING UNTIL MORNING SESSION TOMORROW. ROVIRA ASKED ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATO COUNTRIES TO WESTERN DEFENSE. US DELEGATION RECOUNTED EFFORTS OF NATO ALLIES IN SOME DETAIL, INCLUDING MODERNIZATION AND OTHER COMMITMENTS.

6. ROVIRA THEN ASKED IF IN THE REMAINING TIME US DELEGATION WOULD ADDRESS THE AGENDA ITEM ON THE NATURE OF THE DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP. US DEL THEN OUTLINED COMBINED PLANNING CONCEPT ADDING CAVEATS ALREADY OUTLINED TO ROVIRA BY MC CLOSKEY.

7. ROVIRA PROPOSED THAT NEXT SESSION BEGIN MORNING OF FEB 11 TO TAKE UP ANY QUESTIONS THE SPANISH MIGHT HAVE ON STRATEGY BRIEFING AND PERHAPS CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF COMBINED PLANNING .

8. ROVIRA SUGGESTED THAT THE NEXT ROUND BE HELD IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING ON MARCH 10. US DELEGATION SAID IT WOULD STUDY THAT POSSIBILITY AND RESPOND SHORTLY. PEZZULLO INTENDS TO MEET WITH ROVIRA PRIVATELY TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES THIS WOULD POSE FOR US. IT APPEARS GOS DEL IS DEAD SET AGAINST HOLDING OFF
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UNTIL APRIL 1 FOR NEXT ROUND, FEELING IT WOULD WASTE A MONTH OF THE REMAINING TIME OF THE AGREEMENT.

9. COMMENT: SPANISH DELEGATION APPEARED SOMEWHAT UNCOORDINATED AT FIRST PLENARY SESSION. WE LATER LEARNED THAT FIRST GOS DELEGATION MEETING WAS HELD EVENING FEB 10. GOS DELEGATION INDICATED NO DISPOSITION TO BREAK DOWN INTO TWO WORKING GROUPS AS AGREED TO IN THE

MC CLOSKEY-ROVIRA SESSION. WE WILL FOLLOW THE SPANISH
PACE WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT LUNCHEON ON FEB 12 WILL
BRING THIS ROUND TO A CLOSE.
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